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Sir:

In compliance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. § 1.56 and in accordance with the practice under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, the Examiner's attention is directed to the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form. Copies of the Japanese patent documents are also enclosed. Copies of the Japanese patent documents are also enclosed.

Japanese patent document number 10-163098 is discussed on page 7 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,341,007, U.S. Patent No. 6,400,441, U.S. Patent No. 6,549,269, U.S. Patent No. 6,590,634 and published U.S. patent application number 2004/0032575.

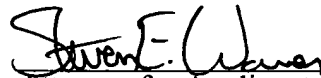
Japanese patent document number 3,045,947 is discussed on pages 7-8 of the subject specification and corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 5,715,064.

Applicant requests that the above information be considered by the Examiner and that a copy of the enclosed PTO-1449 form be initialed and returned indicating that such information has been considered.

This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed before the issuance of a first Office Action on the merits. Therefore, no fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) is believed due. Nevertheless, the Commissioner may charge Deposit Account No. 06-1205, should any fee be due for filing this paper.

Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

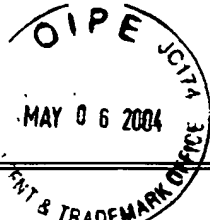
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